

Explanation of Changes to Appendix A

Appendix A consists of Collaborative Staging Coding Guidelines and Instructions from Part I and Part II of the Collaborative Staging Manual, Version 01.04.00 (October 2007). This version should be used for all cases diagnosed **January 1, 2004** and **forward**. Only the data items that TCR collects have been included in the site-specific schemas. Site specific surgery codes have also been included in the site specific schemas. Additional coding guidelines and helpful information from the SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2007 have been included for some sites.

The surgery codes are from The American College of Surgeons Commission on Cancer's *Facility Oncology Registry Data System*, American College of Surgeons, Chicago, IL, (Revised 2007) (FORDS), Appendix B: Site-specific Surgery Codes . The codes are identical to the FORDS manual, however, formatting and annotations may vary. Further explanations for some surgery codes come from the SEER Program Coding and Staging Manual 2007.